



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 21, 1983

TO: Division File

FROM: Glenn Sernard *gjs*

SUBJECT: 03144015 - Cook County - Elk Grove Village/Film Recovery

On April 13, 1983, I met Howard Chinn of the Illinois Attorney General's Office in order to continue the investigation of Film Recovery System's storage of processed film chips in semi-trailers in a number of locations.

We were to meet with Mr. J. Fiorito of J. Fiorito Leasing, Franklin Park, who was to show us the location of the majority of trailers which he has stored for Film Recovery. Mr. Fiorito, on April 7, 1983, stated that he would not allow us to know the location without him escorting us to their location. He was unavailable on this date. Subsequently, Mr. Chinn had arranged to meet on April 13, 1983, with Mr. Fiorito in order to go to the site. We also met with Trooper T.E. Koch of the Illinois State Police HazMat Section, who would escort us to the various sites.

After waiting from approximately 9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m. we proceeded to the Fiorito office in Franklin Park. Mr. Fiorito had not yet arrived. His son, Richard Fiorito, told us he did not know where his father was. We waited, in the event that Mr. Fiorito would call in.

After approximately 15 minutes Mr. Fiorito did call, and he spoke with Howard Chinn, the result of the conversation was that he would not divulge the location of the trailers. Howard then telephoned the A.G.'s office and requested that proceedings for obtaining a search warrant be initiated. Upon completion of the call, Richard Fiorito handed us a sheet of paper and told us that the address on it was the former address of their company. He would make no further statement.

We then proceeded to 3933 Evenhouse, Rosemont and observed a number of trailers on the parcel of land on the north side of the street. A partially demolished building on the south side of the street appeared to be the former office. Stickers on the building had the following notations;

- 1) E. Trailer Maintenance, Ltd.
823-6900 Rosemont, Ill.
- 2) St. Cloud Truck Sales, Inc.
(612) 251-0931 Mpls 427-8390

We did not enter the property at this time.

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Inquiries at nearby companies revealed that the property on which the material was stored is leased from Red Devil Co., 5995 N. River, 696-2770, Rosemont. Conversations with Matt Kassnel at Red Devil confirmed this. Mr. Kassnel stated that Film Recovery was not leasing the land but Fiorito Leasing, (who was also behind in payment). We requested that Mr. Kassnel notify us if removal of the trailers was attempted.

No site restriction was noted at this storage area.

Howard then, in conversations with the A.G.'s office, received the opinion that we could enter the site and sample the trailers. We proceeded to do so, checking in with Mr. Kassnel prior to entering the site.

Two samples were subsequently obtained from two separate trailers.

X214 Brown M69-3789

X215 Fruehauf AVM 325-367

The trailers which showed evidence of containing chips showed signs of corrosion, consistent with the previously viewed sites. Not all trailers were opened as many doors were jammed. Those trailers which apparently contained film chips are as follows:

No.	Manufacturer	Serial #	License Plate #
40164	Blitz	B10427	
40446			
N/A	N/A	N/A	Ill. 1978 43012
3233	N/A	N/A	
40477	Brown		
4217-150	Locked ? Content Unknown		
8533	Brown	M6909970	
95-?	Trailmobile	F23832	
40725	Great Dane	39291	
205065	Trailmobile	F32273	
40763	Ohio	AXFV2280	
40122	Fruehauf	AVF258225	
N/A	N/A	N/A	Maine 716-550 Exp. 2-29-83

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200963	Brown	M69-3789	
3247	N/A	N/A	Ill. 1979 21-122
4096	Monon		
N/A	Fruehauf	AVM325367	
40459	Strick	N/A	
40437	Gundy	N/A	
N/A	Brown	M693770	
20280	Strick	N/A	
765 (or 6349)	Gindy	N/A	Maine 344388
42118	Gindy	N/A	
N/A	Fruehauf	N/A	Maine 390-683
20286	Strick	N/A	Ill. 19282 Exp. 1980
N/A	N/A	N/A	Maine 716-871 Exp. 2/88

* N/A - denotes information not available, or obscured from view.
Also 10 other trailers - empty, or burned, or flatbed.

Samples X214 and X215 were brought to the IEPA Chicago Lab for
analysis 4/15/83.

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cc: Northern Region
Joe Drazik, Assistant Attorney General